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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. GIEREK CHOOSES CARROT OVER STICK

IN THE VIEW OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES, THE GIEREK REGIME IS ATTEMPTING TO COPE WITH WORKER UNHAPPINESS BY CONTINUING ITS POLICIES OF CONSUMERISM AND INDUSTRIAL MODERNIZATION, WITH A LIMITED EXPANSION OF THE ROLE OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND WITH REASSURANCES GIVEN TO THE PRIVATE PEASANTRY. THE AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT:

--GIEREK IS BUYING TIME IN THE HOPE THAT BETTER HARVESTS, HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY AND WESTERN RECOVERY MAY GET HIS ORIGINAL STRATEGY BACK ON TRACK.

--THE SOVIETS APPARENTLY TOLD GIEREK TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE LID ON IN POLAND, SO LONG AS IT DOES NOT ENDANGER SOVIET OR WARSAW PACT SECURITY.

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RITY INTERESTS.

--ON RETURNING FROM MOSCOW, GIEREK RESTORED FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI TO THE PARTY SECRETARIAT AND GAVE HIM MAKE-OR-BREAK RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSEEING THE POLITICO-ECONOMIC NEXUS.

THE AMBASSADOR CONCLUDES THAT GIEREK HAS CHOSEN THE BEST OF THE LIMITED POLICY OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO HIM, IMPROVING SOMEWHAT HIS CHANCES OF AVOIDING A POPULAR UPRISING, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT RUN. (CONFIDENTIAL) WARSAW 8844 (LIMDIS), 11/11.)

2. UK: TORIES SPLIT OVER SCOTTISH DEVOLUTION BILL

THE TORY LEADERSHIP'S AMBIVALENT SIGNALS CONCERNING THE SCOTTISH DEVOLUTION BILL HAVE CAUSED INTERNAL DISUNITY AND WEAKENED THE PARTY'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SUPPORT IN SCOTLAND:

--A SHADOW-CABINET DEBATE WHICH ENDED IN A DECISION TO OPPOSE THE GOVERNMENT BILL ELICITED STRONG DIS-AGREEMENT FROM FORMER PRIME MINISTER HEATH.

--SHADOW SPOKESMAN ON SCOTLAND BUCHANAN-SMITH AND HIS DEPUTY HAVE RESIGNED OVER THE ISSUE.

--MRS. THATCHER, IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEFUSE THE SITUATION, HAS RECONFIRMED THE PARTY'S SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF DEVOLUTION WHILE CONTINUING TO OPPOSE THE GOVERNMENT'S BILL; HOWEVER, SHE HAS APPOINTED A NOTORIOUS ANTI-DEVOULATIONIST TO LEAD THE PARTY'S FIGHT AGAINST THE BILL.

EMBASSY LONDON COMMENTS THAT THE TORIES NOW APPEAR TO REPRESENT THE VOICE OF ENGLISH BACKLASH AGAINST DEVOLUTION, AND THAT MRS. THATCHER HAS BECOME MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO CRITICISM THAT SHE IS MOVING THE PARTY TO THE RIGHT AND NARROWING ITS BASE. (CONFIDENTIAL) LONDON 19966, 12/10.)

3. NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

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A. ROC CLAIMS TO BE OUT

DURING A DECEMBER 11 DISCUSSION ROC PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO REASSURED AMBASSADOR UNGER THAT HIS GOVERNMENT FULLY INTENDED TO LIVE UP TO ITS SEPTEMBER COMMITMENT TO AVOID ANY NUCLEAR REPROCESSING ACTIVITY. HE SAID THAT:

--ORDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN FOR THE DISMANTLING OF A REPROCESSING LABORATORY WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER PREPARATION.

--HE HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT "FREE-WHEELING" SCIENTISTS SHOULD STOP WORK IN THE REPROCESSING FIELD.

B. MOROCCO COMING IN?

KING HASSAN HAS TOLD EMBASSY RABAT THAT MOROCCO HAS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND IS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING DETAILS WITH US COMPANIES. THE KING ADDED THAT HE:

--MADE NO COMMITMENT TO FRANCE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY DURING HIS RECENT VISIT THERE;

--BELIEVES THAT ONLY THE US HAS THE TECHNOLOGY MOROCCO NEEDS; AND

--WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL INSPECTIONS AND PLANS TO PROPOSE THEM IN THE UN.

EMBASSY COMMENT: MOROCCO HAS HAD NO LUCK EXPLORING FOR OIL, AND CANNOT AFFORD OIL SHALE EXPLOITATION. IT DOES HAVE VAST PHOSPHATE RESERVES SUITABLE FOR URANIUM EXTRACTION. HOWEVER, OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT A FULL-SCALE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION IS STILL EIGHT TO TEN YEARS DOWN THE ROAD FROM THE TEST REACTOR THEY NOW PLAN TO BUILD. (SECRET) TAIPEI 8188 (EXDIS), 12/13 AND (CONFIDENTIAL) RABAT 6641, 12/11.)

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4. BELIZE: WHAT NOW?

EMBASSY GUATEMALA, IN AN ANALYSIS OF THE BELIZE DISPUTE, SUGGESTS THAT THE UK-GUATEMALAN TALKS WILL CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME BECAUSE NEITHER SIDE SEES A MORE ATTRACTIVE COURSE OF ACTION. HOWEVER:

--THE TALKS WILL EVENTUALLY REACH A STALEMATE BECAUSE THE UK WILL NOT AGREE TO A CESSION OF TERRITORY.

--BRITAIN WILL THEN BE UNDER PRESSURE TO GRANT BELIZE INDEPENDENCE.

--IF INDEPENDENCE IS GRANTED, GUATEMALA WILL MOST

LIKELY ATTACK AND ATTEMPT TO SEIZE A PORTION OF SOUTHERN BELIZE.

THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT, SHOULD THIS SCENARIO DEVELOP, THE USG BE READY TO PROPOSE AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FORUM TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE. (SECRET) GUATEMALA 8280, 12/10.)

5. LISBON: LOCAL ELECTIONS BUOY SOARES GOVERNMENT

EMBASSY LISBON REPORTS THAT PORTUGAL'S FIRST MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SINCE THE 1974 REVOLUTION HAVE PRODUCED A VOTE OF CONTINUED CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER SOARES. WITH 40 OF THE VOTES COUNTED, THE RESULTS WERE:

--SOCIALISTS (PS): 30

--SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (PSD): 27

--CENTER PARTY (CDS): 17

--COMMUNISTS AND ALLIES: 17

CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE, DCM OKUN PREDICTED THAT THE FINAL PERCENTAGES WOULD NOT VARY SIGNIFICANTLY, EXCEPT FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF SLIGHTLY HIGHER FIGURES FOR THE SOCIALISTS

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AND THE COMMUNISTS. HE COMMENTED THAT A LOW VOTER TURNOUT HAD HELPED THE COMMUNISTS. THE RELATIVE ORDER OF THE PARTIES HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED FROM THE APRIL PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, DESPITE A SLIGHT DROP IN THE PS LEAD.

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